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Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez Appoints Assistant Majority Leader Kevin de León to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board

(Sacramento, CA) On the heels of the Los Angeles City Council's unanimous approval of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, which will be spearheaded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Speaker Fabian Núñez today announced that he has appointed Assistant Majority Leader Kevin De León (D-Los Angeles) to the Conservancy's Board.

"I look forward to the hard work ahead in bringing the City's river master plan to life," said Assistant Majority Leader Kevin De León. "Realizing the river's vision will require the cooperation and commitment of state and local governments. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will be at the center of this ongoing venture, so I am very pleased to be asked to formally join that effort."

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the California State Legislature in 1980. Since that time, it has helped to preserve over 55,000 acres of parkland in both wilderness and urban settings, improve more than 114 public recreational facilities, and enhance educational and interpretation programs throughout Southern California.

Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California. The Conservancy's Board has helped to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public, enriching communities with each approved project.

The Board consists of nine voting members, three ex officio members and six legislative members. It broadly represents state, regional, and local interests, and seeks to be geographically reflective of its constituency to represent the changing dynamics of the Southern California region.

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